GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:222
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2000
IMPORT OF PESTICIDES
RAMANAND SINGH;RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pesticides worth Rs.91 crores were imported during 1994-95 which has gone up to Rs.166 crores during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the domestic industry has suffered due to import of pesticides;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to reduce the import of pesticides;

(e) whether the use of chemicals pesticides has adversely affected the crop production in the country; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 222 FOR REPLY ON 5.12.200
REGARDING IMPORT OF PESTICIDES

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): While imports grew during the period, the total domestic production and exports of pesticides grew at a rate higher than that of imports of pesticides. The domestic industry did not suffer since the increase in the value of imports was due partly to increased import of technical pesticides for use in formulations being exported resulting in value addition in the country.

(e) & (f): The use of chemical pesticides in the recommended dose with the prescribed method of application at the prescribed intervals does not cause any adverse effect on the crop productions in the country.